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Report Highlights: Short stocks in India, congested loading ports in South America equate to a 44,000 MT business opportunity for U.S. soybean meal suppliers.

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Executive Summary

Korean feed miller soybean meal contracts issued through June 2000 are dominated by India.

India, however, appears to be experiencing difficulty with fulfilling spring delivery contracts. Premjee of India, awarded a 44,000 MT soybean meal contract with April 25, 2000 delivery (46.5 percent protein priced at US\$173.91/MT, C&F), is now in the U.S. market to source soybean meal (44 percent protein).

Reportedly, Premjee failed to secure the contracted quantity as the Indian crushing industry has reduced domestic soybean crush volume due to a surplus of soybean oil. Premjee, also, failed to gain an extension on the contract delivery period from the Korean buyer who professed to be with short stock. Premjee turned toward the U.S. after discovering heavy congestion at South America ports would prevent its ability to load and deliver within the contracted period.

Korea recently has sourced South American soybean meal at US\$10 lower than U.S. origin meal.